

HB 1037 -- JUSTICE SAFETY VALVE ACT

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This bill allows a court to depart from mandatory minimum sentences if certain requirements, specified in the bill, are satisfied. The bill also specifies instances to which the court's ability to depart from mandatory minimum sentences shall not apply. Finally, the bill requires judges, upon departing from mandatory minimum sentences, to report to the Sentencing Advisory Commission. The Sentencing Advisory Commission shall annually make available in electronic form and on the Internet a report as to the departures from mandatory minimum sentences made by each judge in the state.